

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 115

By Miller J

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles Louis "Buddy"
Patten of Cleveland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Charles Louis "Buddy" Patten, father of former state senator, Lou Patten; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patten lived for seventy-two years as a truly meritorious citizen and a beloved family man; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patten was an exemplary Tennessean and a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, until his retirement, Mr. Patten served with acumen as president of Insurance Incorporated, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and the citizens of Cleveland alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Baylor School and the University of Virginia, Mr. Patten had served as the youngest president of the Cleveland Kiwanis Club and as president of the Cleveland Country Club; and

WHEREAS, having been an active fund-raiser for the Community Chest, which was the forerunner of United Way, Mr. Patten had also served on the board of directors of the Cleveland Family YMCA; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patten was an active and devout member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, which he served faithfully as a seven-time member of the church vestry and as senior warden three times, treasurer for many years, and on Bishop and Council for Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patten was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patten enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jane H. Patten, and was the proud parent of Louis "Lou" Patten, Janey Patten Woody, and Edie Patten Feehrer; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patten was a loving father-in-law to Debbie Patten, and Edie's husband, Kelly, and he was a devoted grandfather to his grandchildren, Amy Beard, Amy Patten, Christy Beard Mahan, Charlie Patten, Catherine Patten, Maggie Patten, Sarah Jane Park, James Jackson, Jonathan Jackson, Emily Feehrer, Patten Feehrer, and Natalie Ghrist, and to his great-grandchild, MacKenzie Jane Mahan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patten was preceded in death by a brother, Tarbell Patten, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patten leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional citizen and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Charles Louis "Buddy" Patten, reflecting fondly

upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living his life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Charles Patten.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.